

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment are respectfully requested. In view of the amendments and following remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

#### **35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections**

Claims 9, 10, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Published Patent Application Publication No. 2033/0083616 to Lee *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,881,534 to Almqvist *et al.* Claims 9, 10, 23, and 24 have been canceled, thereby rendering their rejection moot. New claims 27-30 recite a balloon and packaging system that is not disclosed or rendered obvious by the cited references. New claims 31 and 32 recite a pouch that is not disclosed or rendered obvious by the cited references.

#### **Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2525. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (978) 739-3075 (Eastern Time).

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